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SUBJECT: EARLY WARNING: CONSTRUCTION LARGE MATERIALS SUPPORT COMPLEX

1. STATE HYDROCARBONS, FERTILIZER, PLASTICS, AND PETROCHEMICAL MONOPOLY (SONATRACH) INFORMS EMBASSY IT PLANS BUILD LARGE COMPLEX AT OUED-SMAR (10 KM EAST OF ALGIERS) FOR STORAGE, PREPARATION, AND DELIVERY OF FOOD AND PERSONAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT (NOT INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT). COMPLEX TO BE RUN BY 500 PERSONS AND SUPPORT SONATRACH EMPLOYEES WORKING IN SOUTHERN PART OF COUNTRY. SITE TO COMPRISE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, AREHOUSES, COLD STORAGE ROOMS, MEAT AND VEGETABLE PREPARATION FACILITIES, MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING, AND EQUIPMENT REPAIR SHOPS. SONATRACH PLACES SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON UP-TO-DATE STORAGE AND EVLIERY SYSTEM. PROJECT TO BE CONTRACTED ON TURNKEY BASIS.

2. SONATRACH OFFICIAL SAYS THEY HOPE TO START CONSTRUCTION IN NEAR FUTURE. THEY SAY ABILITY OF CONTRACTING FIRM TO OFFER PARTIAL FINANCING MAY PROVE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN FINAL CHOICE. TOTAL COST ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT TWO AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS. SONATRACH HAS NOT PUBLISHED INVITATION TO BID BUT WILL DO SO, AS IN REQUIRED IN ALGERIA, FTER COMPLETION TENDER SPECIFICATIONS. THEY HOPE TO START DISCUSSIONS WITH POTENTIAL DESIGNERS/BUILDERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. EMBASSY WISHES TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO THIS RARE APPROACH ON PART OF IMPORTANT STATE ENTERPRISE TO NOTIFY US EARLY
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ON IN PLANNING STAGES OF MAJOR PROJECT. FOR THIS REASON, REQUEST USDOC FURNISH EMBASSY WITH NAMES OF ENGINEERING FIRMS WITH

ABILITY TO DO EITHER DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION OR BOTH. IN INTERIM, EMBASSY HAS GIVEN SONATRACH FOLLOWING NAMES OF POTENTIAL DESIGNERS/ BUILDERS: AMMANN AND WHITNEY, NEW YORK; BENHAM-BLAIR AND AFFILIATES, INC., OKLAHOMA CITY; DALTON, DLATON, LITTLE, NEWPORT CO., CLEVELAND; LEO A. DALY CO., OMAHA; FREDERIC R. HARRIS, INC., NEW YORK; PETER F. LOFTUS CORP., PITTSBURG; J.E. SIRRINE CO., GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINE; SOROS ASSOC., NEW YORK; AND SYSKS AND HENNESSY, NEW YORK.

4. FOR PARIS AND BRUSSELS: BECAUSE SONATRACH APPARENTLY WISHES START PRELIMINARY TALKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING US OF NAMES AMERICAN FIRMS WITH EUROPEAN OFFICES WHO POSSIBLY INTERESTED IN PROJECT.

5. INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD BE ASKED TO WRITE TO SONATRACH, DIRECTION CENTRALE MOYENS GENERAUX, DEPARTEMENT RAVITAILLEMENT, 15 RUE CHAMBERY, ALGIERS, ATTN. MR. BERDJANI, CHEF DE DEPARTEMENT. PARKER

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